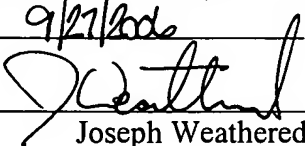




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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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In response to the Office Action of June 14, 2006, applicant hereby requests that the Examiner reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 enclosed herewith and for reasons detailed hereinafter.